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ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON-MEMBER STATES TOWARDS THE 1997 EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES

1. By its resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989, the General Assembly endorsed the revised assessment procedures for non-Member States contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the report of the Committee on Contributions.[1] These procedures provide for assessment of contributions on the basis of a flat annual fee at the beginning of each year. The flat annual fee is calculated for each non-Member State on the basis of a varying proportion of the applicable rate of assessment, which is applied to the applicable assessment base. The assessment base equals the total net assessment for the United Nations regular budget for the year, adjusted for tax refunds.

2. The 1997 assessment base amounts to $1,065,185,344 as indicated in document ST/ADM/SER.B/503. The contributions payable by four non-Member States for the year 1997 are shown below:

Non-Member State	1995-1997 assessment rate	Flat annual fee as proportion of assessment rate	Amount payable
	%	%	US$
Holy See	0.01	10	10 652
Nauru	0.01	1	1 065
Switzerland	1.21	30	3 866 623
Tonga	0.01	5	5 326
Total			3 883 666

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11 and addendum and corrigendum (A/44/11 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1).

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